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Takayuki Yokota et al.)	Examiner:
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Title: CONNECTOR)	

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Respectfully submitted,

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

The Examiner's attention is directed to copending U.S. Application No. 10/577,832 filed on May 1, 2006 and naming Takayuki Yokota et al. as inventors.


By citation to the copending application, confidentiality is not waived and the Office is requested to maintain the confidentiality of the copending application under 35 U.S.C. § 122.

To assist the Examiner, the document is listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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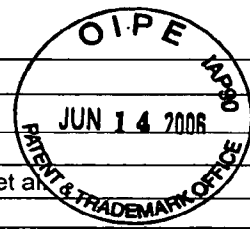
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